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**SOVIET AND AFGHAN SWEEP OPERATION**  
**KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN**

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: A COMBINED SOVIET AND AFGHAN SWEEP OPERATION WAS IN PROGRESS IMMEDIATELY SOUTHWEST OF KANDAHAR [REDACTED] 25X1
2. (SWN) REMARKS: THE OPERATION APPEARED TO BE IN THE EARLY STAGES AND CONSISTED OF BATTALION AND COMPANY SIZE MANEUVER UNITS MOVING INTO POSITIONS TO ENCIRCLE A 5-BY 12-NM PROBABLE AREA OF OPERATION CENTERED ON 31-31-00N 065-20-00E. A PROBABLE COMMAND POST WAS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ENCIRCLEMENT AND ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT BASES HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE ENCIRCLEMENT. ADDITIONALLY, SMALL SECURITY CHECKPOINTS WERE AT CHOKEPOINTS ALONG THE ROADS/TRAILS NORTHEAST OF THE ENCIRCLEMENT AND AT LEAST ONE TANK COMPANY HAD DEPLOYED IN A BLOCKING POSITION ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ENCIRCLEMENT.

(SWN) FORCES INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION INCLUDED MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE SOVIET MOTORIZED RIFLE REGIMENT AND AIRBORNE BATTALION FROM KANDAHAR SOVIET MRR BIVOUAC (BE [REDACTED] A PROBABLE AFGHAN MOTORIZED RIFLE BATTALION, A TANK UNIT, AND ELEMENTS OF AN AFGHAN ARTILLERY REGIMENT FROM KANDAHAR BKS CORPS DIV BN HQ A ORD DPO (BE [REDACTED] AND AIR SUPPORT FROM KANDAHAR AIRFIELD INTERNATIONAL [REDACTED] [REDACTED])

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3. (S) BE NONE, COORDINATES 31-31-00N 065-20-00E

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